

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

National Intelligence Officers

16 September 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Rogovin

SUBJECT : Call From Gregg Rushford

1. Last night about 8:00 p.m., I received a phone call at home from Gregg Rushford, identifying himself as a member of the House Intelligence Committee staff. His message was as follows:

a. He was sorry he didn't meet me last Friday when we were in the Committee hearing "before the fireworks."

b. He knows a lot about the Cyprus affair and the postmortem, and believes the Agency did a lot of good work in that episode.

c. He said he and some colleagues were "trying to save the Agency" and believed the Agency leadership was in danger of "panicking."

d. He would like to come by my house and talk to me.

2. I said I was just on my way out (the truth) and couldn't see him that night. He suggested Tuesday (tonight). I expressed reservations about the proprieties of this, and made clear that whatever I might think about the record or the postmortem, I wasn't about to violate the President's instructions concerning passage of classified information in present circumstances. He wanted to come anyway.

3. It seemed to me on the spur of the moment that there was no harm, and might be of some use, in hearing what he had to say, so we left it that he would come by tonight. Then, he added (his last words) "don't tell them about this" -- to which I simply responded with a chuckle.

4. I see by the Post this morning that the Committee plans to go ahead with a hearing on Cyprus Thursday, and may release further

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documents. This adds to my misgivings about seeing Rushford at all in the circumstances. I need advice in the course of the day on whether to go ahead and see him, or send word that I can't/won't in the circumstances.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Gregory Rushford's Approaches

REFERENCE: My Earlier Memorandum of 16 September
to Mr. Rogovin

1. After talking with Mr. Rogovin about Rushford's approach, and also with [redacted] it was agreed that I should get word to Rushford that all things considered, it would serve no useful purpose for me to see him tonight.

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2. Shortly after 1500, this message was given by my secretary to the woman at the House Select Committee switch-board who said she would get the message to Rushford.

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